

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, December 4th, 1883.

The Board of Aldermen met in the City Hall. Present: Ald. Hyman, Labatt, Birrell, O'Meara, Browne, Stringer, Becher, Hunt, Skinner, Moore, Cowan Boyd, and A. S. Abbott, city clerk.

In the absence of the Mayor, Ald. Hyman took the chair on motion of Ald. Birrell, seconded by Ald. Moore. Minutes of the two last meetings read and adopted.

The Mayor now arrived and took the chair, and signed the minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Jessie McEwen, Toronto—Asking the co-operation of the Council in procuring legislative action in reference to the extension of the franchise to women. No. 1.

C. A. Kingston—In reference to assessment. No. 1.

G. Park—Asking use of the City Hall on evenings of 17th and 18th for sparring and athletic exhibitions. Granted.

John Findlay and 120 others—Petitioning out the dangerous and annoying practices carried on by the G. T. R. employees and officials in this city at crossings and elsewhere. Several remedies were suggested No. 1.

BYLAW.

A bylaw was read for the purpose of leasing City Hall store to Mary Elizabeth Babcock. Read three times and passed.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

A bylaw was read amending the municipal election bylaw passed at last meeting. The amendment changed the polling place in No. 4 ward, from C. Teale's house to the Princess avenue schoolhouse. Read three times and passed.

SEWERAGE.

A bylaw was read providing for the collection of certain sewer rates.

In amendment to the second reading, on motion of Ald. Boyd, seconded by Ald. Hyman, the rental was fixed at 8 cents per foot

instead of 9 cents. The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

On motion of Ald. Boyd, seconded by Ald. Browne, No. 2 committee were empowered to pay 75 per cent. on Mr. Cox's account.

THE LONDON JUNCTION QUESTION.

Representatives of the railway and a large number of citizens were present. The London Junction right of way bylaw was taken up.

Ald. Hyman moved, and Ald. Birrell seconded the second reading.

Mr. Kingston reported the action taken by the Board of Education in reference to the question. He said his Board had filed the report of the joint committee, not approving the offers made the railway people.

At the request of Ald. Skinner, Ald. Hyman read the bylaw proposing to give the L. J. R. Company the right to run on York street from Colborne to Waterloo. At the request of the Mayor, Ald. Boyd took the chair.

Ald. Hyman, acting upon the advice of the City Solicitor, moved in amendment that the compensation clause No. 8 be struck out. Ald. O'Meara seconded. It was explained that with the compensation clause the legality of the bylaw could be attacked.

Ald. Browne, Becher and Stringer objected to the passage of the bylaw as it stood.

The motion striking out clause No. 8 was then passed.

Ald. Cowan moved, seconded by Ald. O'Meara, in amendment to the second reading:

That the London Junction Railway be so located as to run diagonally across Colborne street to the northwest corner of said street and York street thence westerly twenty feet in width along the north side of York street parallel with the school grounds to Waterloo street, said portion of the street to be constructed subject to the approval of No. 1 Committee and the City Engineer. Carried.

Ald. Hyman moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Cowan, that the bylaw

be amended so that the railway company be compelled to erect gates satisfactory to the City Engineer at Colborne and Waterloo streets, in order to protect the school children. Carried.

Ald. Skinner said he opposed running the road on the street from conscientious motives, not selfish ones. On the north side of the street the road would ruin the school property. He would rather see it run inside the fence. He suggested resubmitting the question to the people.

Ald. Stringer strongly opposed running the road on the street, and resented the charge made by Ald. O'Meara.

Ald. Becher understood the railway people were prepared to buy their way in, and in that view of the case he must oppose giving the street.

Mr. M. D. Fraser said it was as the Mayor had stated—"Railway or no railway." They asked that the bylaw be passed.

Mr. John A. Cousins again protested against the street bylaw.

Ald. Cousins' amendment was then carried on the following division: Yeas—

Ald. Birrell, Labatt, Hunt, Hyman, O'Meara, Cowan and the Mayor—7. Nays—Ald. Skinner, Browne, Stringer, Moore and Becher—5.

Ald. Browne objected to the vote of Ald. Birrell, as he was a London Junction director.

Ald. Birrell stated that he had no personal interest in the road, and derived no profits from it, and therefore had the same right to vote as any other alderman.

Ald. Browne asked that Ald. Boyd (in the chair) vote.

Ald. Boyd—It is not a tie.

The Mayor resumed the chair.

Ald. Becher moved in further amendment, seconded by Ald. Moore:

That the following condition be added to the bylaw, namely: Provided, however, that the railway company do agree with the corporation to return \$5.00 (par value) of the \$30.00 debentures to be delivered to them, as lately voted by bylaw of this Council as compensation for damages done the said street. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Becher, seconded by Ald. Moore:

That the following condition be added to the bylaw: Provided, and it is agreed by the said company, that they shall erect and keep erected and maintained, so long as required by this Council, a close and substantial board fence at least nine feet high, along the northern side of York street, opposite where their line is to run on that street, as provided by this bylaw. Carried.

The bylaw having been duly amended, was read a second and third time and passed.

NUMBER THREE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

By Ald. Hunt, chairman:

1. That the petition of J. H. Belton, to erect an office on corner of King and Wellington street, be granted, provided he encase it with brick.

2. That Dr. Moorehouse be appointed to the vacancy on the City Hospital staff.

3. Payment of \$7.98, Hospital accounts.

4. Payment of \$347.69 on account of new addition to the Hospital.

5. That Wm. Scott be paid the sum of \$170, on account of repairs to Covent Garden Market.

6. That the resignation of Sister Emma as head nurse at the City Hospital be accepted, and Sister Florence, a graduate of the St. Catharines training school, be appointed in her stead.

7. That the following appointments in the Fire Department be confirmed: Jas. Gleeson, to be driver, vice W. H. Ruddall, resigned; Jas. O'Hagan, reappointed on the call force, and Thos. Wheeler be appointed to the call force, vice Gleeson promoted.

8. Payment of Fire Department account, \$599.35.

9. That Chief Roe be authorized to have temporary repairs made to steam fire engine, so that it may be used in case of emergency.

10. That Mrs. Higham be allowed a rebate of one month's rent on account of the damage done her property during the time the roof was being reshingled.

11. That the petition of B. Slade be referred to the Council.

Discussion took place in reference to clause No. 2. An amendment to appoint Dr. Wilson was lost and another to appoint Dr. Drake. The clause was passed on the casting vote of the Mayor.

On motion of Ald. Hyman, clause 11 was referred back to the committee.

NUMBER ONE REPORT.

By Ald. Hyman, chairman, Payment of accounts to the amount of \$2,843.28. Adopted.

THE COW CATCHERS.

Ald. Boyd moved, and Ald. O'Meara seconded, that the services of the special constables to carry out the cow bylaw, be dispensed with on and after Monday next. Carried.

Council adjourned till Monday, 17th instant.